

St. Joseph the Worker Bidford-on Avon



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28th/29th DECEMBER 2024 (Yr C) FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

<u>Saturday</u>	5.30pm Mass
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00am Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00am Mass <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Memorial of St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>

Saturday 5.30pm Mass) Solemnity of the
Sunday 11.00am Mass) Epiphany of the Lord

The Parish warmly welcomes all visitors and Parishioners and wishes everyone a very Happy and Peaceful New Year

NEW ROTAS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS AND 'MEET & GREET are on the notice board in the Porch

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL: There are still two copies of the new Sunday Missal available. Please contact Steve Jackson, 07758 088828 or steve.jackson1948@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, 3rd JANUARY: BIBLE TIME LINE SESSION 9
10.00am-11.30am meet in the Presbytery

MONDAY, 6th JANUARY: PARISH PRAYER GROUP
7.30pm-9.00pm meet in the Presbytery

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY: PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH
There will be a 'bring and share' lunch in the Presbytery after Sunday Mass on 12th January 2025. Nice & simple, bring something if you can, but don't worry if you can't. Refreshments provided. It's an opportunity to just get together in fellowship. All welcome! If anyone needs a lift to attend please let Louise know (07715326713)

WEDNESDAY, 15th JANUARY: SCRIPTURE GROUP
10.30am-11.30am meet in the Presbytery

ADVANCE NOTICE

MONDAY, 27th JANUARY: PARISH MEETING

The Very Reverend Canon John Yethirajulu Batthula, Dean of Kidderminster & Worcester Deanery (Canon Brian McGinley's successor) will be visiting our parish on Monday, 27th January, to introduce himself to us and to talk about the future of the parish. The meeting will be held in the church, starting at 7.30pm.

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Thank you to those who have already contributed. All items will be distributed to the two local charities we support, Evesham Caring Hands and Stratford Foodbank.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For pilgrims of hope : We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

PRAYERS: Please let us continue to pray for:

~ Those that have died recently & those whose anniversaries occur in December: Jo Cheriton; Dorothy Coyne; Patrick Coyne; Derek Finn; Jenny Murphy; Theresa Poole; Mary Smee; John Tully; Nicholas Vlasveld; Arnold White & Pope Benedict XVI

~ All who suffer the consequences of wars & conflicts: the Middle East-Gaza & Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan; Yemen; Ukraine & Russia; Mali, Haiti & Mexico

~ Those affected by natural disasters across the world - for all those who have lost their lives and the millions who have lost their homes & livelihoods

~ Our parish and the wider community: the lonely; the bereaved; the sick and housebound, those at home, in care or in hospital, especially Peter Bennett; Shirley Burgess; Terry Cane; Margaret Holbrook; Chris Kelly; Liz Lloyd-Jones and all the Lloyd-Jones Family; Zophia Jackson; Monica Metcalf; Michael Moore; Elise Palmer & Ann Warrington and all those not mentioned here

THE JUBILEE PRAYER - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ruth Hargreave. She can be contacted at sg.sjw.bidford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/** safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.